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SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWISH ESCAPEES

1. ABE DWEK, HEAD OF SYRIAN AND JEWISH COMMUNITY IN US, TELEPHONED MISSION DECEMBER 6 TO PROVIDE CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS EARLIER REPORT THAT 29 SYRIAN-JEWISH ESCAPEES IN LEBANON HAD RECENTLY BEEN KIDNAPPED AND SPIRITED BACK TO DAMASCUS. HIS INFORMATION CAME FROM THE GRAND RABBI OF LEBANON. THE ABDUCTED SYRIAN JEWS WERE IDENTIFIED AS ISAAC GADEH, 16 YEARS OLD, AND ALBERT HASBANI, 20. GADEH IS A BROTHER OF SOLOMON GADEH, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDING IN BROOKLYN. SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF GADEH FAMILY ARE AMONG THE REFUGEES FROM SYRIA NOW HIDING OUT IN LEBANON. LATER SAME DAY, DWEK, ACCOMPANIED BY SOLOMON GADEH, CALLED ON POL COUNS TO PRESENT COPIES OF PETITION TO PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNED BY APPROXIMATELY 70 SYRIAN JEWISH ESCAPEES IN LEBANON ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXIT PERMITS AND ASYLUM IN US. (COPIES OF PETITION BY AIRGRAM).

2. DWEK AND GADEH EXPRESSED EARNEST HOPE THAT DURING HIS TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST DR. KISSINGER COULD INTERVENE ON BEHALF SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY BOTH IN BEIRUT AND DAMACUSUS.

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3. DWEK ASKED FOR ADVICE AS TO HOW TO APPROACH THE WHITE

HOUSE TO SET UP OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ORIGINAL PETITION
TO MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S STAFF. (DWEK APPEARED TO HAVE IN
MIND LEONARD GARMENT). WE COUNSELED DWEK TO USE "HIS
OWN CHANNELS" ON THIS ONE. DWEK IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED TO
JACOB STEIN AND LATER INDICATED TO US THAT STEIN "WOULD HELP."
DWEK LEFT IMPRESSION STEIN WOULD ATTEMPT REACH ASSTSEC
SISCO OR DAVID KORN BY TELEPHONE.
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